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1. Denmark

a. Since the opening of the Office of the Army Attache, Denmark in March 1951, there has been little change or relaxation in the attitude of Soviet and Satellite representatives with regard to contact with Department of the Army personnel. At Military Attache Association luncheons, the three Russian Service Attaches were at first polite, though mildly distant; however, they now react in a manner reasonably friendly for mere acquaintances.

b. Russian Service Attaches and their wives have been observed at three or four social functions, principally those given by the British. All meetings with American personnel were cordial and conversation was carried on, but there were not significant incidents.

c. It has been observed that Russian Service Attaches attempt to cultivate some Danish officials. The Russian Army Attache has attempted to invite the Danish Permanent Undersecretary for Defense to dinner at his home - it is not known whether he accepted. The Army Attache, Denmark also believes that the Russian Army Attache has entertained the Danish Foreign Liaison Officer at luncheon on at least one occasion, and most probably several times. Such entertainment, however, appears to be normal and customary.

2. Finland

a. The Army Attache, Finland reports that there has been no change in attitude of Soviet representatives with regard to official or quasi-official contact with Department of the Army personnel during the past 16 months. Prior to that time, while Major General TOKAREV was U.S.S.R. Military Attache in Helsinki, contact was according to protocol, but not cordial; since then, with Colonel RYBAKOV as U.S.S.R. Military Attache, the approach of the Russians has been, outwardly at least, most cordial. Such association has been restricted to Finnish or other foreign national parties at which Americans and Russians have been represented: on U.S. Armed Forces Day; the Russian Red Army Day; and on one other occasion, the details of which follow. No member of the military staff of the Office of the Army Attache, Finland, has been present at any Russian party or function, official or private, other than those mentioned.

b. The only occasion during the present Army Attache's two-and-one half years service in Helsinki on which Soviet representatives have made an effort to meet, cultivate, or entertain Department of the Army personnel was in February or March 1952 when all Attaches serving in Finland were the invited guests of the Finnish Army at Hämeenlinna. While the American, Swedish and British Attaches were dining together at the Hotel Aulanko,



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Captain LOKTINE, Russian Naval Attache, asked the U.S. Army Attache and Assistant Naval Attache to come to the room of Colonel RYBAKOV, Russian Military Attache, for a drink. At the end of the meal these officers went to RYBAKOV's where they found the entire Russian delegation, a number of Finnish officers, and Major (now Lt Col) Alfred HUMM, Assistant French Attache with station in Stockholm, all of whom were slightly drunk. The two American officers soon left and went with General PUROMA, Chief of the Finnish Border Guard, to a neighboring room which was occupied by a group of Finnish civilian friends. Fifteen minutes later Lt Colonel DOBOVICH and Lt Colonel TCHEREPOV, both Assistant U.S.S.R. Military Attaches, banged on the door and barged in. They were successfully gotten rid of after the Finnish hosts had registered annoyance in a fashion leading up to a fight. Soon thereafter the American officers retired to their own rooms. Since that time there has been no private contact with Russian military personnel except at Finnish and other foreign parties and dinners. All Russians have continued to be most cordial at such functions.

c. About a year ago, when Colonel Erik GRAHL, Swedish Military Attache, was preparing to leave for station in Switzerland, the U.S. Army Attache had the full corps of Military Attaches, with the exception of the Russians, to his home for dinner. He did, however, invite Colonel RYBAKOV, who did attend, and who has since asked the U.S. Army Attache on three different occasions if he would be willing to come to his home for dinner. Each time the Army Attache has agreed to the proposal, but as yet he has not been invited. Colonel RYBAKOV has not been invited again to the U.S. Army Attache's home, nor has any of his colleagues.

d. The following report, which has already been reported by the Assistant U.S. Naval Attache, is included for information. Wing Commander Don FLEET, British Air Attache, was invited by Lt Colonel TCHEREPOV, and again by Lt Colonel L. V. FEDOTOV, Russian Military Attache (Assistant) to dinner at their respective homes about a year ago. TCHEREPOV asked FLEET about his American connections - after having stated that the American preparations for war were responsible for the present unrest - and asked him if he would report to the Russians on the locations of new American airfields in Europe and any other intelligence information which would help the Russians in their fight against American imperialists. FLEET naturally refused. FEDOTOV, when his turn came, led up to the matter more diplomatically by asking FLEET if he believed in peace and if he would work for peace. FLEET replied in the affirmative, but when FEDOTOV said, "Such being the case, will you give us all the information you can on American plans and offensive measures," FLEET again answered in the negative. Some weeks later RYBAKOV saw FLEET and apologized to him for the questions which had been placed to him by the junior officers, and said, "If they bother you at any time against your will, please let me know." Since that time FLEET has not been approached by any Russians with similar requests, nor has he been asked back to any of their houses. The night on which FLEET went to dinner with TCHEREPOV, he found there a group of Finnish officers, all of whom were normal contacts of either the British or Americans. It has since been ascertained that

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practically all of these Finnish officers have at some time or another been approached by one of the Russian junior officers with requests similar to those made to FLEET. The latter reported his conversations to his Minister, and through Lt Colonel DULACKI to the U.S. Minister. The matter was also reported to Colonel Kaarlo SOMERTO, Chief of the Finnish Foreign Branch. An unsubstantiated story has been heard that one Finnish officer, upon leaving TCHEREPOV's house, found 300,000 Finnish marks in his overcoat pocket. Efforts to obtain a background for this story have been unavailing. The officer in question is alleged to have returned to TCHEREPOV's house and to have returned the money to him.

e. So far as the Russian personnel at Helsinki are concerned, Colonel RYBAKOV and Captain LOKTINE are likable persons. Lt Col DOUBOVICH, who was earlier suspected by all, including the Finns, of being the military MVD agent, has recently become less detestable and almost human. FEDOTOV is a likable but disgusting peasant who delights in telling filthy stories. TCHEREPOV is now popularly believed to be the present MVD agent. He is barely 30 years of age and has recently been promoted to full colonel over DOBOVICH and FEDOTOV, both of whom ranked him when the U.S. Army Attache first arrived in Finland. He is unpopular with his Russian colleagues, and detestable to the Western and Finnish officers. TCHEREPOV was the only person who had to be carried out because of his drunken condition from the American Defense Day party in 1951. RYBAKOV, while not abstemious, can handle his drinking better than any officer the U.S. Army Attache has met.

f. When the Army Attache reported to Finland, his predecessor took him to the Russian Legation to meet Major General TOKAREV, the Russian Military Attache. When TOKAREV was relieved by Colonel RYBAKOV, the U.S. Army Attache's junior by many years in both grade and age, the latter did not return the courtesy. The U.S. Army Attache does not plan to take his successor to meet RYBAKOV.

g. No military representatives of the Satellite nations are assigned to Finland.

3. Norway

a. There is no tangible evidence of a change of attitude on the part of Soviet Attaches and Embassy personnel during the past five months that the present Army Attache has been in Norway. Soviet Embassy personnel continue to attend official receptions, but they are not invited to dinners or cocktail parties at the homes of Western diplomats, nor do the Soviets invite Westerners to such functions at their homes.

b. Soviet Attaches normally attend the luncheons held every two months by the Service Attaches in Oslo. It appeared to the Army Attache that the Soviets were more cordial and friendly than usual at the luncheon held on 3 September 1952; however, this may be attributed to better acquaintanceship.

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4. Sweden

a. During the period January through July 1952 there has been no continuing effort on the part of Soviet and Satellite personnel to cultivate members of the Office of the Army Attache in Stockholm. However, the following exceptions to this statement have been reported.

b. In February the Soviet Service Attaches sought to impress at least their American counterparts with their friendly approaches. This new attitude was first detected at the monthly attache luncheon for all foreign service attaches on 11 January 1952. On this occasion the Soviet Military and Air Attache, Colonel Ivan TCHOUMAK, pressed luncheon invitations on the U.S. Naval Attache and the Army Attache. In addition the Soviet Naval Attache, Captain Fedor PRESNAKOV, invited the U.S. Naval Attache and the Assistant Naval Attache and his wife, to his home for dinner.

c. The luncheon held in Colonel TCHOUMAK's apartment was of interest more because it was held than for anything said. Present were the U.S. Naval Attache, the Army Attache, Colonel Ivan TCHOUMAK, Lt Colonel Nikolai GRATCHEV, Assistant U.S.S.R. Air Attache. The luncheon was of very high quality, with an obvious effort shown to impress the American visitors with Soviet "culture."

d. Colonel Ivan TCHOUMAK, U.S.S.R. Military Attache to Sweden, visited the Office of the Army Attache for the first time in his tour of duty in Stockholm on 20 February 1952. The reason for this visit was probably to return the courtesy call which the U.S. Army Attache made on Col TCHOUMAK earlier in the month. The visit was of some interest in that TCHOUMAK was more talkative than is his customary habit. He announced that it was highly possible that he would be relieved soon as his two years would be up in May. He stated that he did not know the name of his replacement since it was still too early for such information to have been furnished. He further stated that he would be glad to return to Russia because (a) the climate and food in Sweden disagreed with him; (b) he was not a professional intelligence officer but an infantry man and was anxious to return to troop duty; and (c) that he was not interested in the type of work he was doing as a military attache. This is the first known occasion when a Soviet officer has been in the American Embassy during the present Army Attache's two-year tour of duty.

e. Colonel TCHOUMAK was invited to attend a cocktail party at the home of the U.S. Army Attache on 3 April 1952. The invitation was issued after the other U.S. Service Attaches in Stockholm had stated that no Soviet officer ever appeared socially by himself. Colonel TCHOUMAK not only came by himself, but remained during the major portion of the evening. Although he was uncommunicative, he apparently enjoyed himself.

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